ETC 2022: RETURN TO THE IN-PERSON CONFERENCE FOR OUR 50TH JUBILEE

The Association for European Transport will hold ETC 50 as an actual conference at the Politecnico di Milano, Bovisa campus. The conference has been held successfully online in 2020 and 2021 but it is acknowledged that part of the real value of ETC is in the networking opportunities, the ability to make new connections and reaffirm old professional friendships. There is no substitute for those impromptu encounters during coffee breaks when discussion among delegates generates new ideas and contacts.

*The current plan is to hold a full three-day conference at the Bovisa Campus of Politecnico di Milano. However, AET reserves the right to change the format or cancel the conference if required, in response to the emerging pandemic situation.*
The range of topics with the multi-seminar approach makes ETC unique among transport conferences and it has established itself as the premier event of its type. The conference programme covers local policy, national and supranational issues and the planning and implementation of projects at a local level.

Sessions at the Conference can be challenging in discussing matters of policy at the highest level, they can also provide good, basic education and training opportunities – it is truly a conference for all levels of experience.

Transport planners are faced with the challenges presented by the Climate Emergency and the Covid Pandemic. The climate change and sustainability agenda requires significant behaviour change, and in some regards the pandemic has been helpful in enforcing or accelerating the necessary adjustments: working from home; more online meetings; less travel. However, this change has been countered by a move from public transport to personal car use; increased commercial delivery movements as a result of e-commerce and recovery plans to regenerate the economy and to encourage a return to air travel.

The conference attracts transport policy makers, practitioners and researchers from all over Europe and beyond. At ETC, they can find in-depth presentations on policy issues, best practice and research findings across the broad spectrum of transport.

ETC 2022:
BEHAVIOUR CHANGE – THE IMPACTS OF THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY AND COVID-19 ON LONG TERM TRAVEL PATTERNS
AET is keen that the papers presented at the Conference address themes of relevance to the transport policy agenda in Europe and worldwide – from a research, policy or practice angle.

- **Behaviour Change**: The impacts of the climate emergency and COVID-19 on long term travel patterns
- **Covid Recovery**: Funding and financial sustainability of public transport
- **The Future of Cities**: Emerging new travel and land use patterns
- **The Future of Aviation**: Compatibility of recovery and sustainability
- **Travel Data**: When will new travel patterns be stable enough to inform modelling and forecasting?

We welcome papers on research, operational deployment, policy discussion, thought leadership and we want to hear from anyone interested to use ETC 2022 as a platform to hold your final project dissemination event in a parallel co-located stream.

The Mission Statements and detailed Calls for Papers of the Programme Committees can be found on the AET website: [www.aetransport.org](http://www.aetransport.org)
The Programme Committees in place for ETC 2022 Conference are:

- Global Trends Impacting Transport
- Planning for Sustainable Land Use and Transport
- Transport Models
- System Dynamics
- Data
- Transport Economics, Finance and Appraisal
- Intelligent Mobility – Management and Operations
- Local Public Transport
- Rail Policy and Planning
- Freight and Logistics
- Young Researchers’ and Practitioners’ Forum
ETC is a place for transport practitioners of all levels of experience to come together and ETC plays an important role in inviting the talent of the future into the dialogue.

An integral element of the Conference is the Young Researchers’ and Practitioners’ Forum. We welcome young participants with enthusiasm and offer special assistance where required. ETC is an ideal platform for you to make those first steps in the dissemination of projects and papers. Special sessions provide a safe environment for early-stage researchers and practitioners to receive constructive feedback.
MEETING PLACE
ETC – providing a meeting place for other organisations and networks

Call For Sessions
The Association offers the opportunity to groups to organise their own seminars to be included in the programme. The seminars could be held over a two-hour session or for up to three sessions in a day. Approval would be given by the appropriate Programme Committee. Anyone interested in this option, should contact Sally Scarlett with a brief outline of the session content: sally.scarlett@aetransport.org

Project Meetings
In recent years, a number of research consortia and other project groups have held their management or dissemination meetings during or adjoining the Conference. If you would like to consider this option, please contact Sally Scarlett: sally.scarlett@aetransport.org
The Conference has been held since 1973. The Association was formed in 1998, to take prime responsibility and provide overall leadership of the Conference.

There are almost 200 members and new members are always welcome. Members receive discounts on attendance at the European Transport Conference and are invited to shape the Conference by becoming members of the Programme Committees and of the Association Council.

To find out more about how to get involved, please visit the website: [www.aetransport.org](http://www.aetransport.org) or contact Sally Scarlett: sally.scarlett@aetransport.org
Conference Language
The language of the conference is English and all presentations will be made in English.

Speakers and delegates are advised that it is necessary to have a good standard of spoken English to take full advantage of the conference.

Pricing Policy
Everyone who attends the Conference pays the appropriate attendance fee for one, two or three days. This includes speakers and Programme Committee members. Members of the Association receive discounts on their attendance fees according to their category of membership.

The following discounts will be available on attendance fees:

- Young professionals - 50% discount on the relevant fee
- Full Time Students only £100 / €115 plus VAT for three days - proof of student status will be required

The daily rates for the 2022 conference are likely to be:

- **AET Individual member** £280 / EUR 330
- **AET Organisation member** £275 / EUR 320
- **Non-member** £320 / EUR 375

There will be an opportunity to obtain additional discounts for early booking (bookings made before 30th June 2022) and there are significant savings if you attend for all three days.
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Abstract Submission

You are invited to submit an abstract based on one of the above themes or on one of your choice directed to the appropriate Programme Committee. The deadline for abstract submission is 7 February 2022.

The submission method is via the Association web-site: www.aetransport.org. You will need to register as a user on the site, click the tab European Transport Conference and follow the link to submit an abstract. Then you can submit as many abstracts as you wish.

Abstracts must be from 250 to 750 words in length and should not contain footnotes, formulae, tables or graphics. They must contain enough information to allow the Programme Committees to make a realistic decision about which abstracts to include to achieve a balanced and interesting programme. Background information on the projects and project status by the time of the conference to which abstracts refer is also useful.

It is particularly important, for an international conference, that papers should demonstrate the transferability to other areas of policy and tools.

The Conference regularly receives many more abstracts than it is possible to accommodate in the final programme so authors should be sure that they are in a position to present their paper, if successful, at the Conference and that the abstract clearly sets outs the key issues.

Conditions for Submission

The European Transport Conference is a prestigious international conference drawing a large audience and as such the submission of an abstract involves a commitment to fulfil your obligations if accepted for the conference programme. If your abstract is accepted, you will be notified by 13 May 2022. This is a binding commitment, and you will be required to:

- Pay your conference fee by 7 June 2022 otherwise your paper may be withdrawn from the conference
- Attend the conference and make a presentation
- Engage in dialogue with the session mentor/session chair who may request the opportunity to review your presentation prior to the conference
- If you are asking for peer-review, your full paper should be submitted by 30 August 2022 having obtained permission to publish data if necessary
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Abstract Review

The conference programme is drawn from speakers who have submitted an abstract for consideration by one of the Programme Committees. When they are reviewing abstracts, Programme Committees are briefed to choose papers that an audience of professionals from a wide range of countries will want to hear, so it is important that abstracts contain detailed information about the project, its methodology, its relevance to policy and the likely conclusions to be reached when the paper is submitted and presented (August/September 2022).

In addition to projects that have reached completion by the time of the conference, the Programme Committees are also interested in work in progress and in projects that have not produced the expected results or which have taken you in a very different direction than planned. Discussion sessions will also be organised to provide an open forum for frank exchanges about research questions or professional dilemmas. Those submitting abstracts are also asked to indicate if they would like to participate in a workshop session based on their work. This would be a more informal setting and may be suitable for work which is in progress and for work which requires wider input.

The repository of ETC past papers is a valuable resource of the Association and is an important source of information for transport planners, researchers and engineers worldwide. Speakers are strongly encouraged to write and submit a full paper to be added to the repository. However, the Association understands that this might not always be possible and will accept a summary paper or enhanced abstract.

Papers which have been submitted but are not presented at the Conference, will not be eligible for peer-review or publication in the ETC proceedings.
PEER REVIEW OF PAPERS PRESENTED AT ETC

On authors' request, papers related to Conference themes can be selected for peer-review and published on-line or in special issues of journals. The peer review panel will give initial feedback in January 2023.

The selected proceedings from previous ETCs have been published, amongst others, in Transportation Research Procedia, Sustainability, Transport Research, ETRR, International Journal of Transport Economics. Further information can be found at:

aetransport.org/past-etc-papers/peer-reviewed-papers
ETC is the home of three awards:

- Neil Mansfield Award for the best paper from a sole author aged 35 or under. The Award is administered by the Young Researchers’ and Practitioners’ Forum.
- Jacobs instituted an award for the paper showing the most innovative use of Data.
- Goudappel has introduced an award for the best paper presented in the Planning for Land Use and Transport seminar.

For more details: [https://aetransport.org/awards](https://aetransport.org/awards)

AET welcomes ideas and sponsors for further awards. Please contact: sally.scarlett@aetransport.org
KEY DATES & INFORMATION

Submission of Abstracts: 7 February
Selection of papers by AET: 13 May
Speakers confirm participation: 7 June
Submission of papers: 30 August
Uploading of slides to website: 5 September
Conference: 7-9 September 2022
Venue: Politecnico di Milano, Milan, Italy
SPONSORSHIP AND EXHIBITION

We welcome sponsorship for all or part of the Conference such as the plenary sessions, themed seminars, the Conference Dinner, wine reception, conference bags, the timetable, conference badges. At the location in Politecnico Milano, there will also be space to present your company and products in exhibition displays.

If you would like to discuss the advantages of sponsorship and receive a schedule of what is available, please contact Sabrina Winter:
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